

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to a species election under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, the Official Action avers that the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention are present in the claims:

Embodiment 1, Figures 1-5;

Embodiment 2, Figure 6;

Embodiment 3, Figure 7;

Embodiment 4, Figures 8 and 9; and

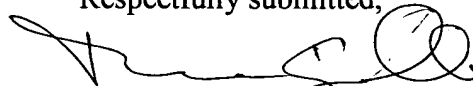
Embodiment 5, Figure 10.

It is the Examiner's position that the species listed as Embodiments 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for species election, Applicant elects to prosecute the subject matter of Embodiment 1, readable on Claims 1-7 and 12-16. However, Applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter in this application.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

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